

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 998  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend The Men of Tomorrow Program of Oak Ridge for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens and organizations who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the good people who comprise The Men of Tomorrow Program of Oak Ridge work assiduously and with purpose to improve the quality of life of the youth of the Oak Ridge-Knoxville community by broadening their perspective through the development of a good self-image, academics, cultural awareness and career planning; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1991, The Men of Tomorrow Program was established by the members of Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in an effort to reach out to the African-American young men of the community; and

WHEREAS, now open to all youth of the Oak Ridge – Knoxville area in grades 6-12, the program uses mentoring and a workshop/seminar format for its meetings; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2004, The Men of Tomorrow Program will celebrate its 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting the Annual Scholarship Banquet in the Cumberland Room at the Oak Ridge Mall Conference Center, at which time participants in the program will be recognized and the graduating seniors who have been accepted to college will be awarded scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the individuals who work in The Men of Tomorrow Program are to be commended for their efforts in steering these young men in a positive direction and empowering them with the self-esteem and sense of purpose we all need to achieve our goals in life; and

WHEREAS, the organizers, staff and volunteers The Men of Tomorrow Program epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud this worthy program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the organizing staff and volunteers of The Men of Tomorrow Program for their meritorious service to the people of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.